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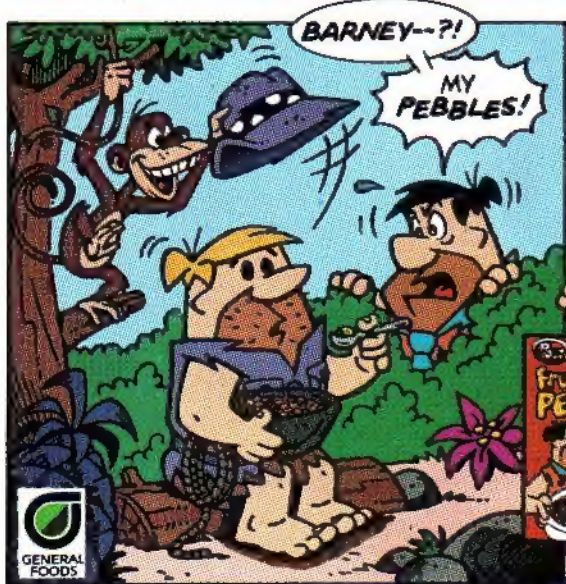
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(GUESS WHO'S
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HAVE TO-- **ARHHHHH!**

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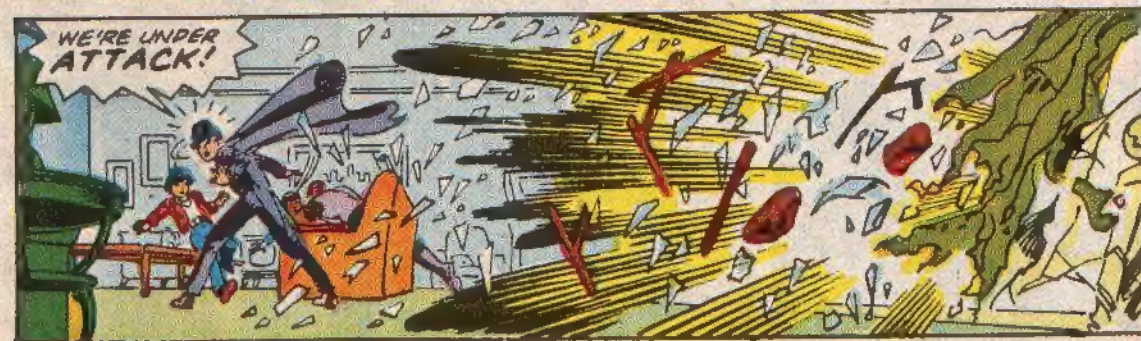
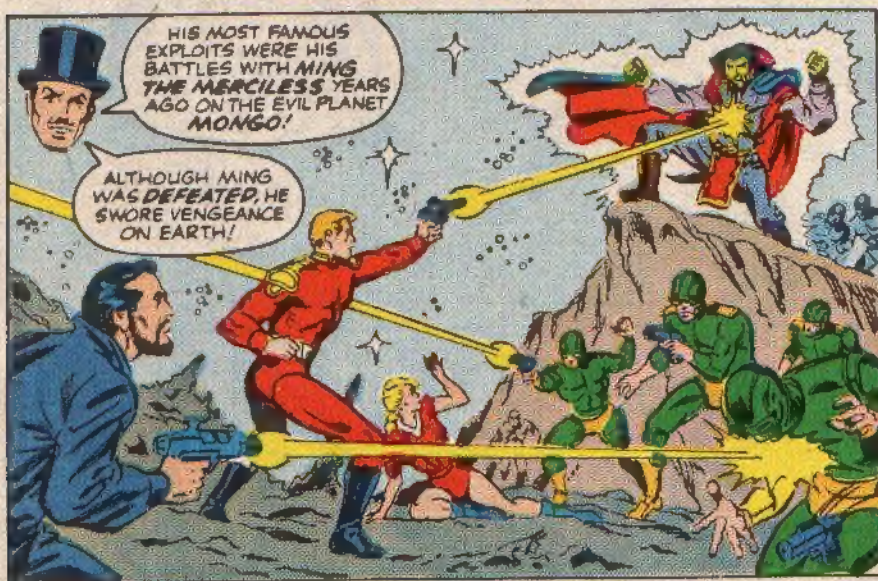
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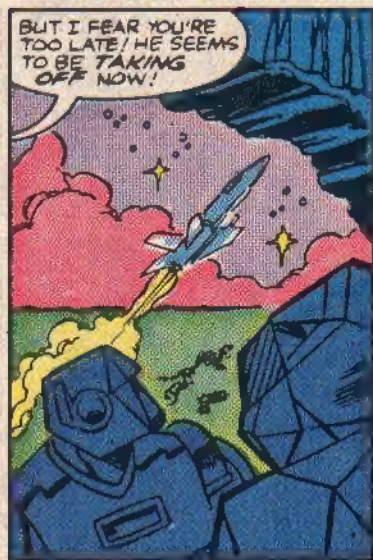
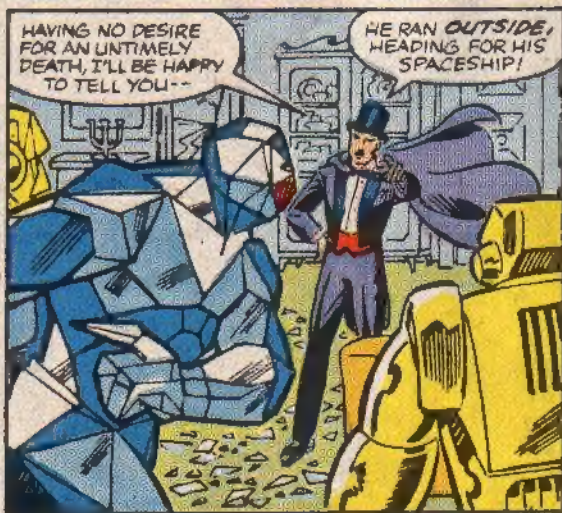
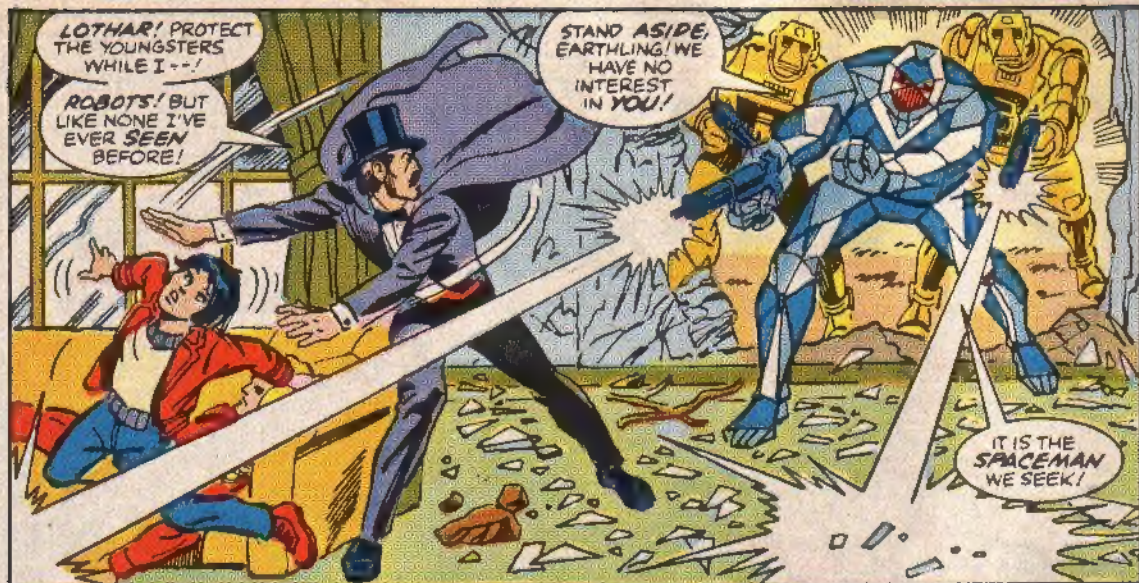
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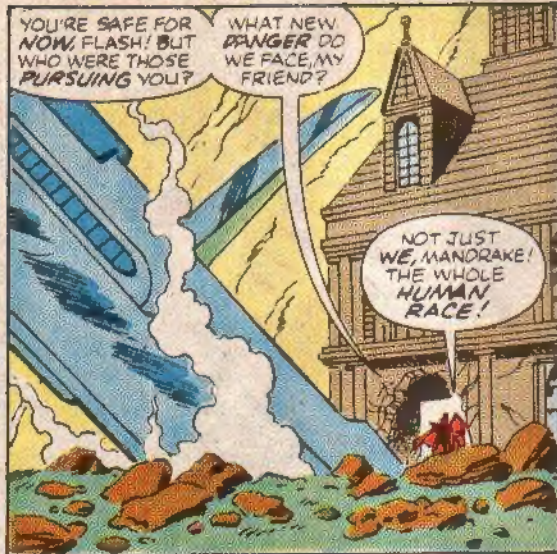


BUT, WHAT HAPPENED TO FLASH GORDON? WHERE DID HE--?

LET THE ILLUSION FADE! LET FLASH AWAKE!

HE WAS HERE ALL THE TIME, KSHIN! MANDRAKE MERELY CREATED THE ILLUSION THAT HE WAS GONE!

MANDRAKE! LOTHAR! YOU SAVED ME!



YOU'RE SAFE FOR NOW, FLASH! BUT WHO WERE THOSE PURSUING YOU?

WHAT NEW DANGER DO WE FACE, MY FRIEND?

NOT JUST WE, MANDRAKE! THE WHOLE HUMAN RACE!



PATROLLING THE GALAXY WITH MY WIFE DALE AND MY SON RICK, I INTERCEPTED A MESSAGE FROM THE PLANET MONGO!

I LEARNED THAT MING AGAIN INTENDS TO INVADE THE EARTH!

BUT MING'S SCOUT SHIPS FOUND US AND CAPTURED DALE AND RICK BEFORE I COULD ESCAPE!

YOUR FAMILY, IN THE HANDS OF THE DEADLIEST TYRANT OF ALL?!!



NOW THAT I'VE BROUGHT YOU THE WARNING, I MUST RETURN TO MONGO! EVERY SECOND COUNTS!

HE MUST NOT RETURN ALONE, MANDRAKE!

WE HAVE FOUGHT TOGETHER IN THE PAST--WE SHALL DO SO AGAIN!



BUT IT WILL BE US AGAINST A PLANET-- THE LEGIONS OF MING ARE THE MIGHTIEST FORCE IN THE GALAXY!

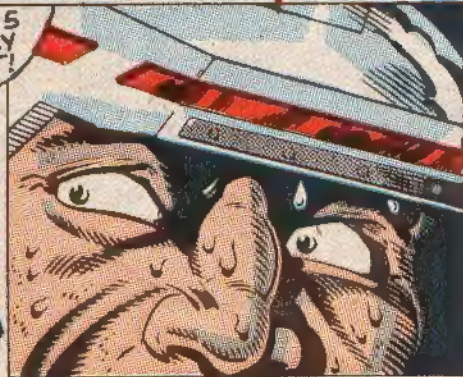
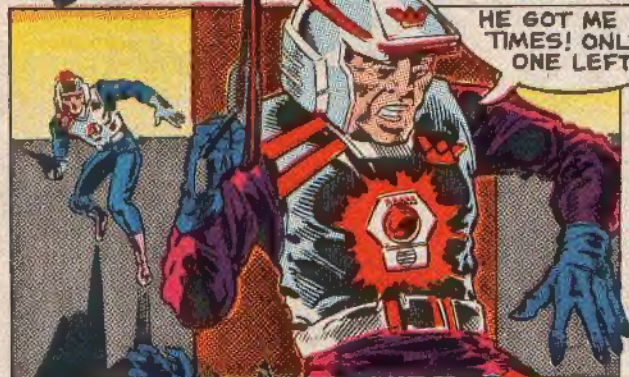
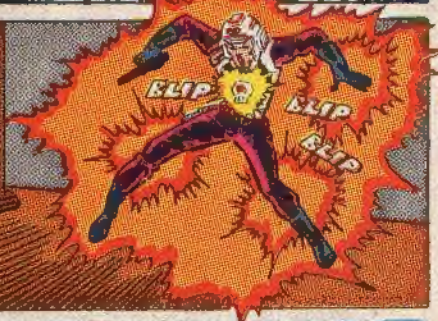
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PERHAPS, KSHIN! BUT THERE IS TOO MUCH AT STAKE THIS TIME! WE NEED ONE OTHER!

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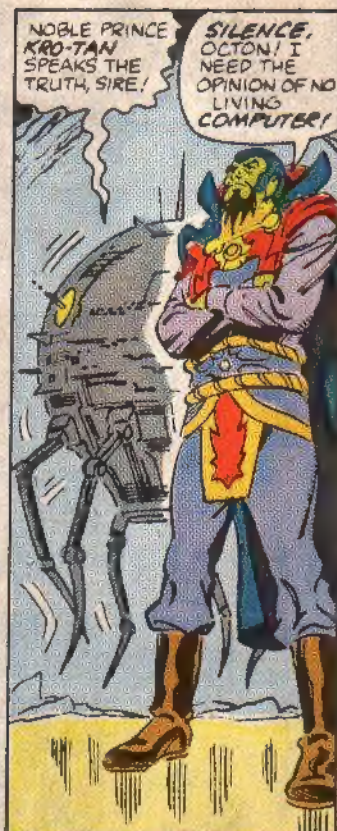


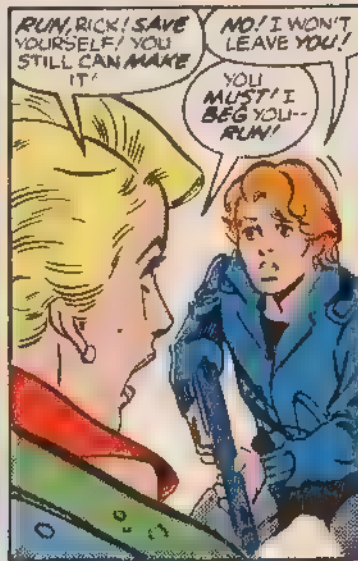
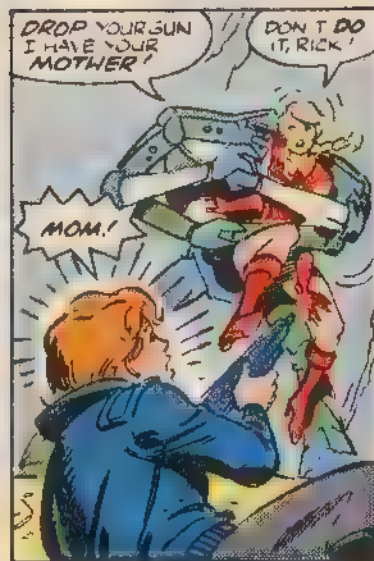
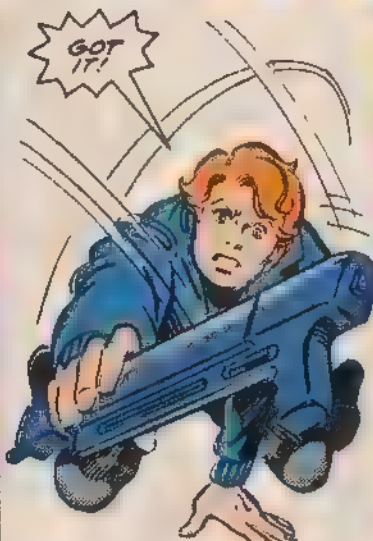
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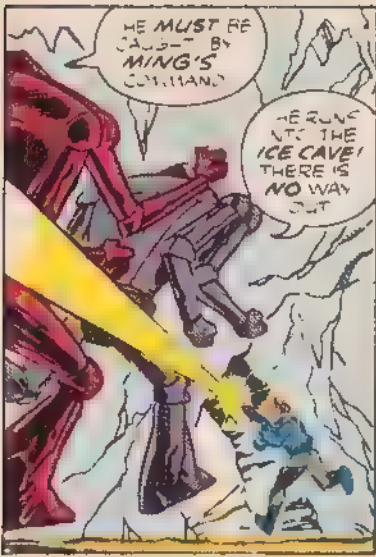
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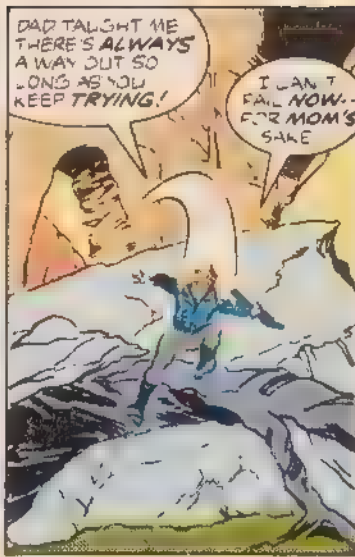






HE MUST BE CAUGHT BY MING'S CO. HAND

HE RUNS TO THE ICE CAVE! THERE IS NO WAY OUT



DAD TAUGHT ME THERE'S ALWAYS A WAY OUT SO LONG AS YOU KEEP TRYING!

I CAN'T FALL NOW-- FOR MOM'S SAKE



MOVE WITH CAUTION! SEARCH EVERY CREVICE

TIME SON OURS HE CANNOT ESCAPE

I WISH I KNEW HOW MANY ROUNDS THIS BLASTER HOLDS!



SOON AS THEY GET WITHIN RANGE I'LL-- NEY! WHA--?



SOMETHING GRABBED ME! PULLING ME DOWN TO--?

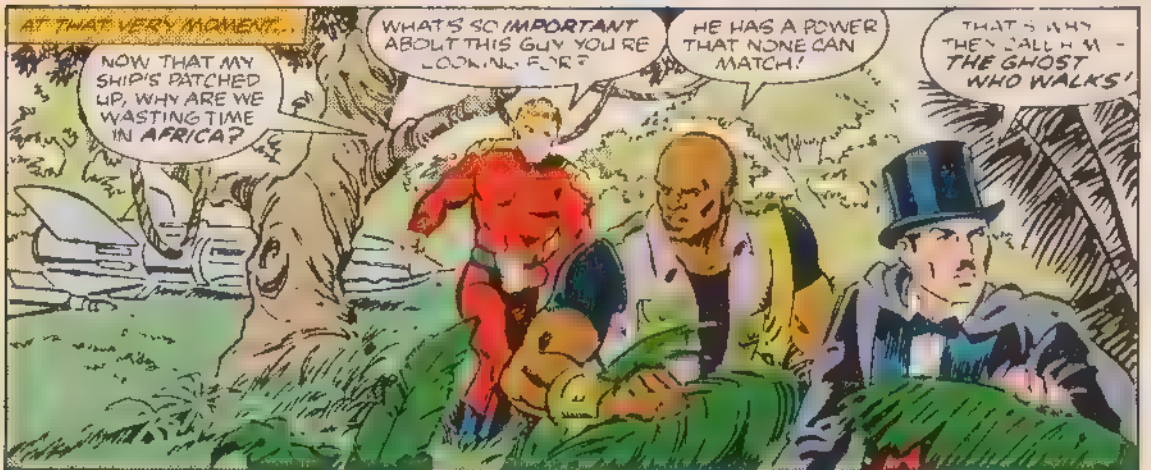


THAT HOLE WASN'T THERE A SECOND AGO!

WHAT'S GOING ON? DID SOMEONE TRY TO SAVE ME, OR--?



I'VE GONE BONKERS! I'M SMACK IN THE MIDDLE OF AN ANIMATED CARTOON!



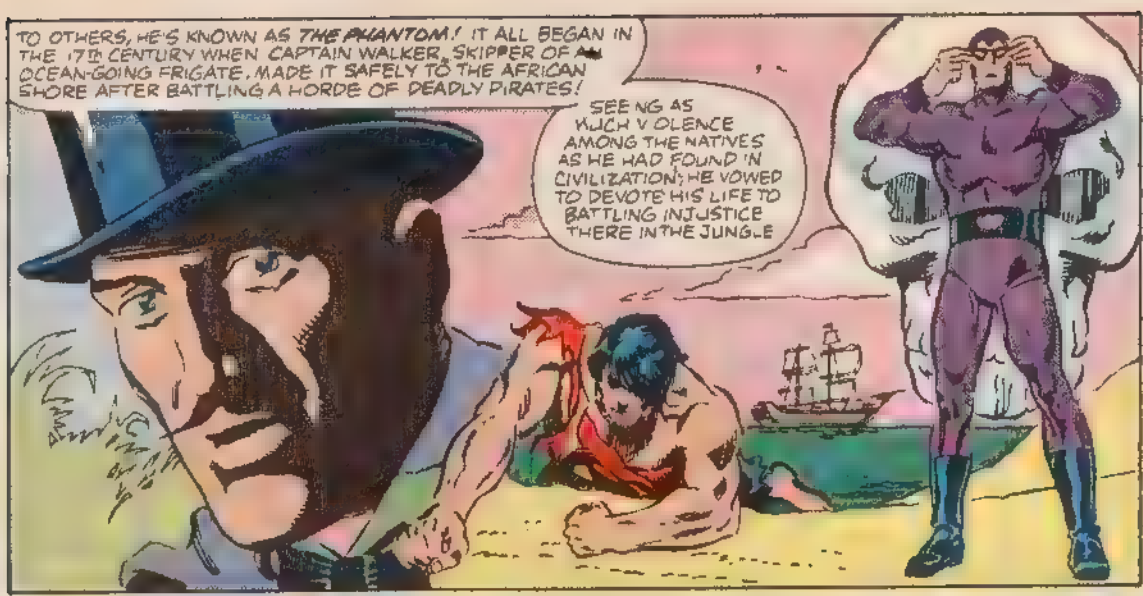
AT THAT VERY MOMENT...

NOW THAT MY SHIP'S PATCHED UP, WHY ARE WE WASTING TIME IN AFRICA?

WHAT'S SO IMPORTANT ABOUT THIS GUY YOU'RE LOOKING FOR?

HE HAS A POWER THAT NONE CAN MATCH!

THAT'S WHY THEY CALL HIM - THE GHOST WHO WALKS!



TO OTHERS, HE'S KNOWN AS THE PHANTOM! IT ALL BEGAN IN THE 17TH CENTURY WHEN CAPTAIN WALKER, SKIPPER OF AN OCEAN-GOING FRIGATE, MADE IT SAFELY TO THE AFRICAN SHORE AFTER BATTLING A HORDE OF DEADLY PIRATES!

SEEING AS WHICH VIOLENCE AMONG THE NATIVES AS HE HAD FOUND IN CIVILIZATION; HE VOWED TO DEVOTE HIS LIFE TO BATTLING INJUSTICE THERE IN THE JUNGLE



HE CALLED HIMSELF THE PHANTOM! FOR GENERATIONS EACH OF HIS DESCENDANTS CARRIED ON THE TRADITION, WHICH IS WHY THE NATIVES THINK HE'S IMMORTAL!

WHO DARES REVEAL THE PHANTOM'S SECRETS?

THERE'S SOME ONE ABOVE US IN THE TREES!



BANDAR WARRIORS! WE'RE SURROUNDED!

LET ME HANDLE IT!

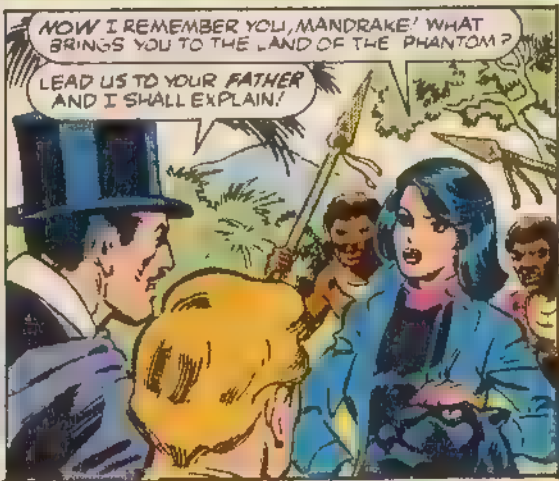


NO! I WILL HANDLE IT! I AM JEDDA, DAUGHTER OF THE GHOST WHO WALKS!

JEDDA YOU WERE A CHILD WHEN LAST WE MET!

STAND BACK, OR KYSA, MY PANTHER WILL ATTACK YOU!

NO ONE REMAINS A CHILD FOREVER!



NOW I REMEMBER YOU, MANDRAKE! WHAT BRINGS YOU TO THE LAND OF THE PHANTOM?

LEAD US TO YOUR FATHER AND I SHALL EXPLAIN!

THE AMAZING
SPIDER-MAN
IN THE



FREE THE CAP'N MYSTERY



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CAP'N CRUNCH CAPTURED BY SOGMASTER!

FATE OF CRUNCH POWER UNCERTAIN

SOGGIES MAY RULE!

WHILE SOMEWHERE IN SOGLAND...

YUK! NO SOLID EVIDENCE HERE... BUT I SUSPECT THE CAP'N'S NEARBY.

MEANWHILE ON A HILLSLOP

YIKES!

IT'S SPIDER-MAN, SOGMASTER!

HE, HE, HE... HE WON'T BE BUGGING US FOR LONG!

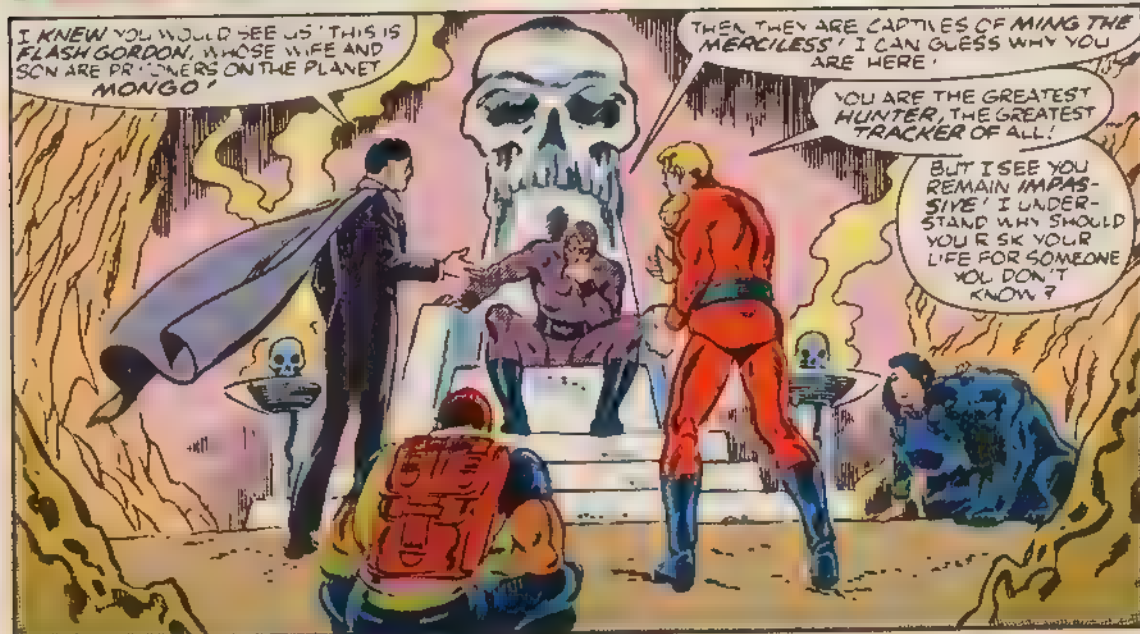
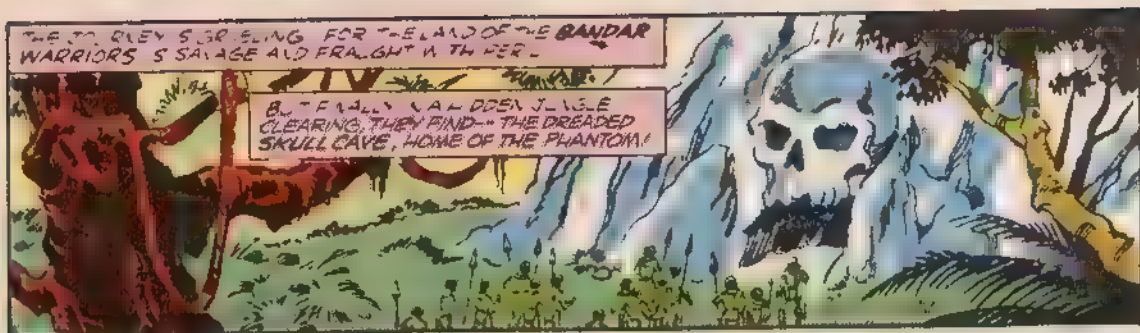
OH NO! WILL SPIDEY FREE THE CAP'N BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE??? HE MIGHT AND YOU CAN HELP HIM DURING THE "FREE THE CAP'N" SWEEPSTAKES! BOXES OF CAP'N CRUNCH CEREAL HAVE EXCITING GAMES, CLUES AND SECRET PHONE NUMBERS TO TELL YOU HOW. IF YOU DO FREE THE CAP'N, YOU COULD BE ONE OF THE 10,000 WINNERS TO SHARE \$1,000,000.

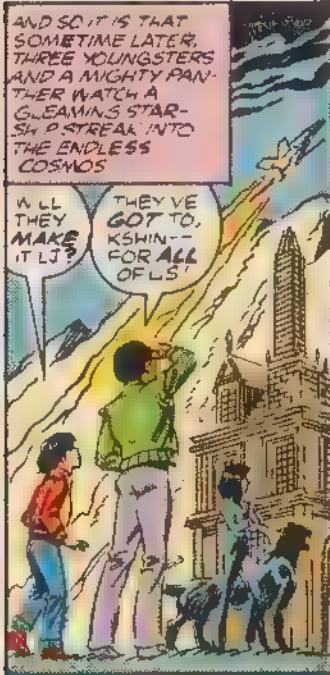
HE, HE, HE... MY GIANT FLY SPLOTTER WILL FINISH THAT PEST!

HMM... MY SPIDER-SENSE TELLS ME I BETTER FIND CAP'N CRUNCH AND SPIN ON OUTTA HERE FAST... OR BREAKFAST'LL BE DOOMED... AND I'LL BE SOGGED!

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AND SO IT IS THAT
SOMETIME LATER,
THREE YOUNGSTERS
AND A MIGHTY PAN-
THER WATCH A
GLEAMING STAR-
SH P STREAK INTO
THE ENDLESS
COSMOS

WILL THEY
MAKE
IT LJ?

THEY'VE
GOT TO,
KSHIN--
FOR ALL
OF US!



HEY
LIGHTEN
UP JEDDA!
THEY'LL
BE OKAY!

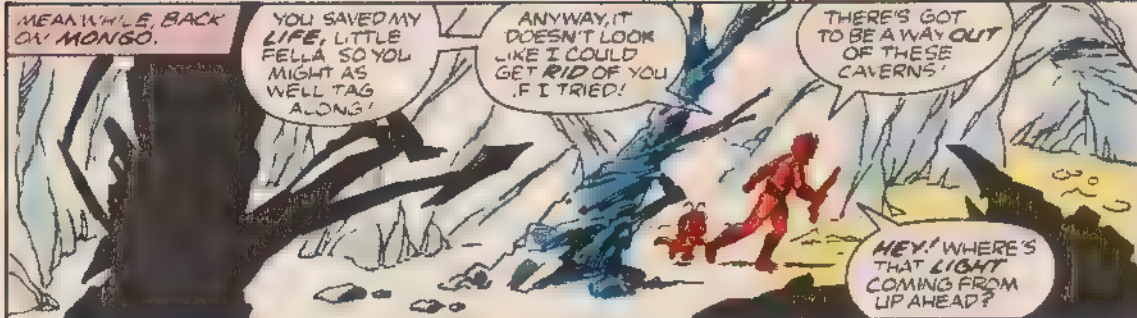
OF COURSE THEY WILL!
THE PHANTOM NEVER
FAILS!

BUT WHY WAS I LEFT BE-
HIND WITH CHILDREN
WHEN MY
PLACE IS
WITH MY
FATHER?



KSHIN WE'RE GONNA HAVE
OUR HANDS FULL WITH THIS
ONE!

AW, SHE'LL
GET OVER IT!
LET'S MAKE
FRIENDS
WITH THE
BIG CAT!



MEANWHILE, BACK
ON MONGO.

YOU SAVED MY
LIFE, LITTLE
FELLA, SO YOU
MIGHT AS
WELL TAG
ALONG!

ANYWAY, IT
DOESN'T LOOK
LIKE I COULD
GET RID OF YOU
IF I TRIED!

THERE'S GOT
TO BE A WAY OUT
OF THESE
CAVERNS!

HEY! WHERE'S
THAT LIGHT
COMING FROM
UP AHEAD?



A GRATING WITH
LIGHT BEHIND IT!

THAT'S MY
TICKET
OUT OF
HERE!



VOICES!
AND THE SOUND OF
MACHINERY!

I'VE GOTTA
FIND OUT
WHAT IT
IS!



HOLD TIGHT,
LITTLE FELLA!
HEY YOU NEED
A NAME!

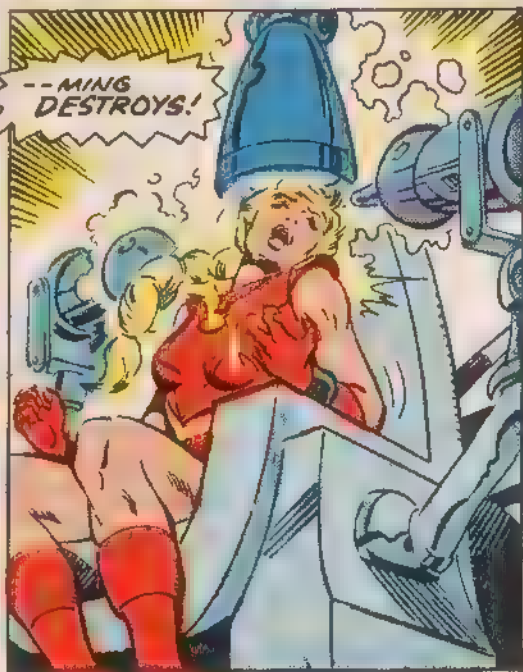
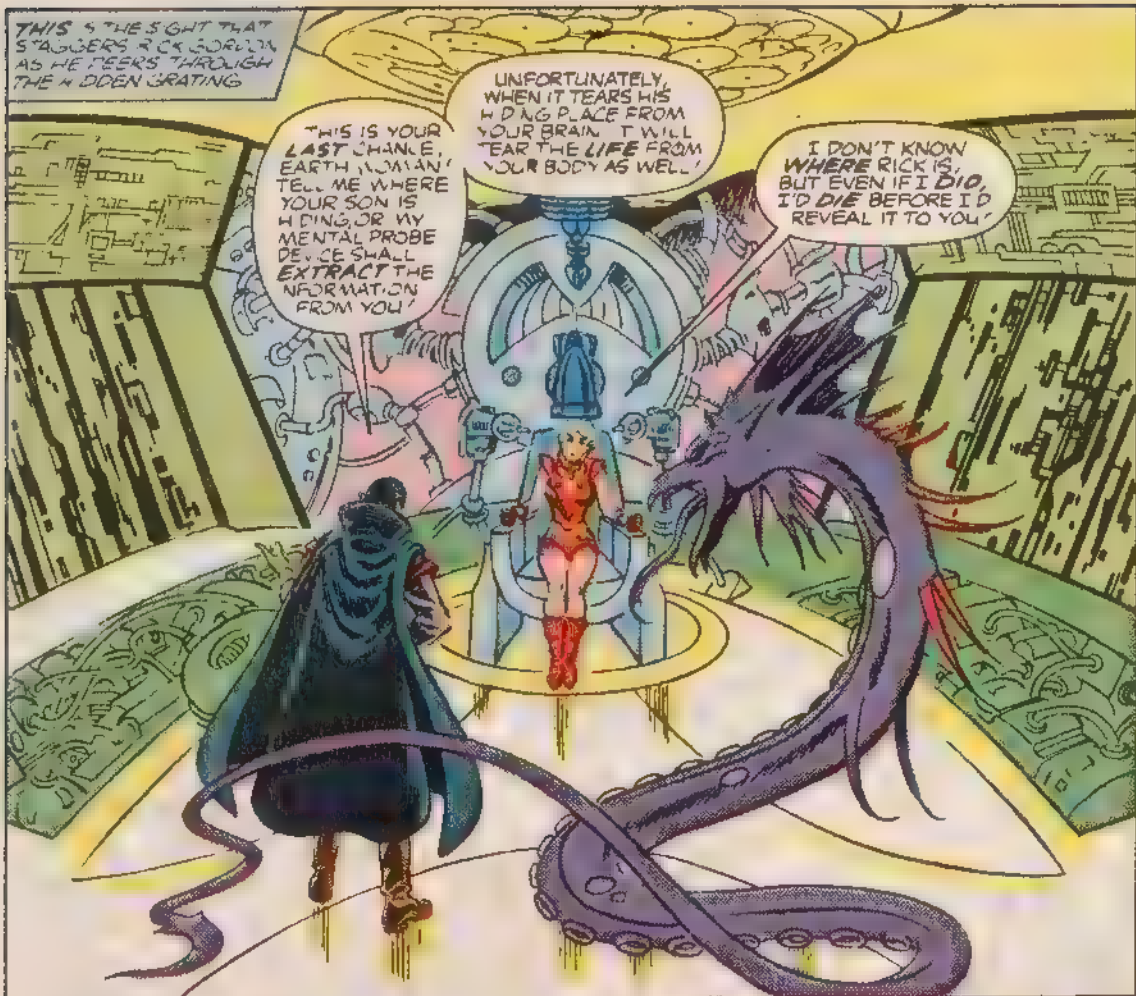
I'LL
CALL
YOU
ZUFFY!

EASY,
ZUFFY!
THAT
LEG'S
AT-
TACHED!



AS RICK REACHES THE
GRATING HIS NEW-
FOUND HOPE SUDDEN-
LY TURNS TO STARK
DESPAIR...

NO!



HIGH ATOP BEAUTIFUL DOWNTOWN BURBANK IN THE NBC VIDEO PENTHOUSE, THE HEAD PROGRAMMING SMURF PRESIDES OVER A TELECONFERENCE STRATEGY MEETING WITH THE STARS OF THE SATURDAY MORNING LINEUP.

BESIDES, HE'S A BEAR AND WE'RE BEARS. IS THE COUNTRY READY FOR TWO BEAR SHOWS IN A ROW?

KISSYFUR, YOU'VE ALREADY HAD THREE BIG PRIMETIME SPECIALS, SO WE FIGURE YOU'LL BE A GREAT OPENING ACT.

BUT I DON'T GET UP THAT EARLY.

I THINK I SAW YOUR SQUIRREL FRIEND RUNNING OUT THE DOOR CHASING ONE OF THOSE LITTLE BLUE GUYS.

HE'S A CHIPMUNK YOU DODO!

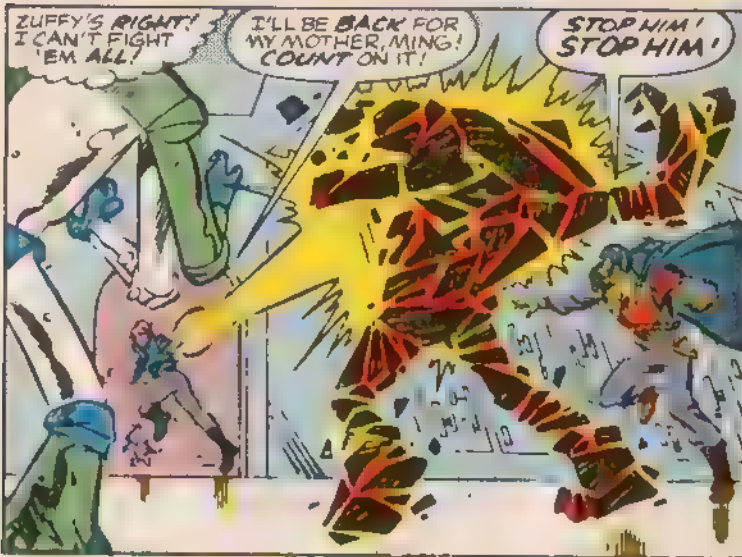
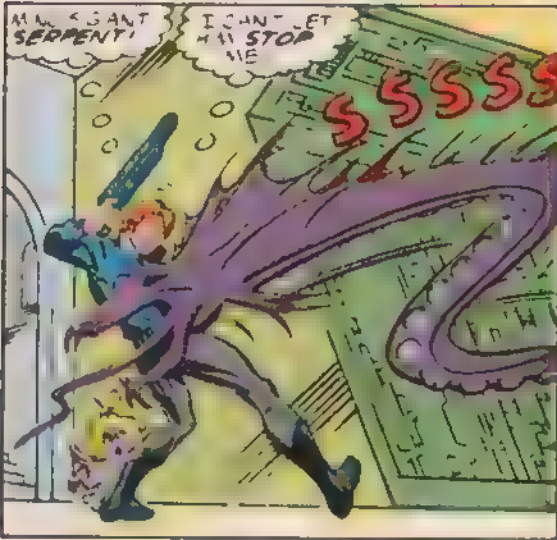
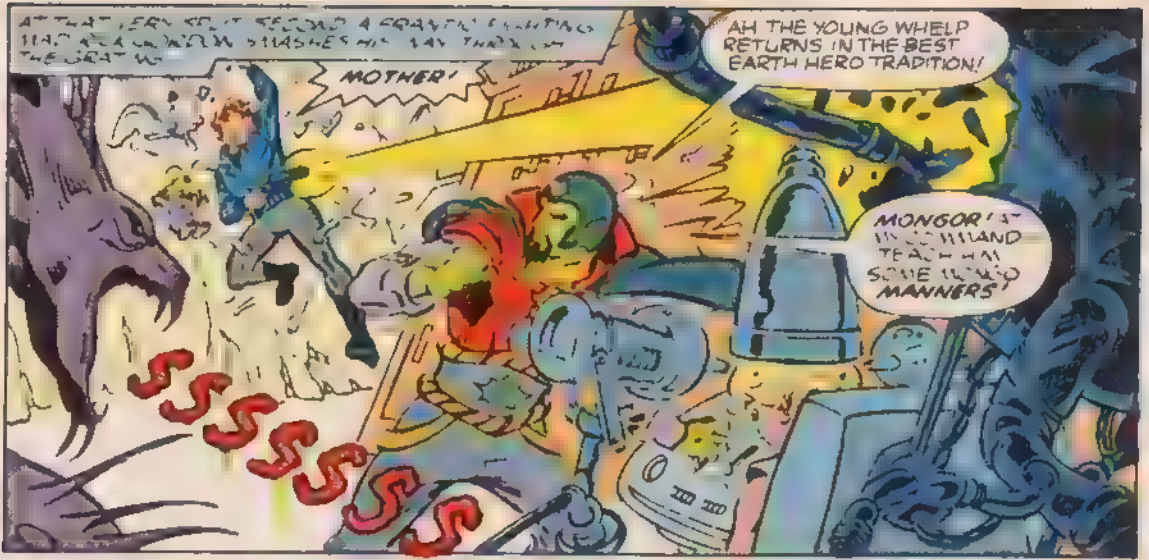
LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GOING ON SAME TIME AS LAST YEAR, ALVIN... ALVIN? ALVIN!

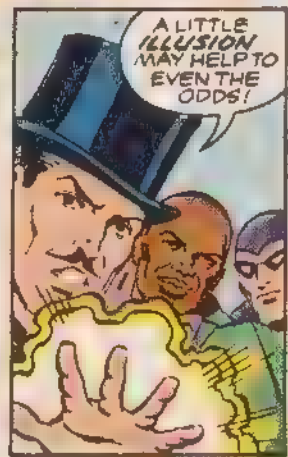
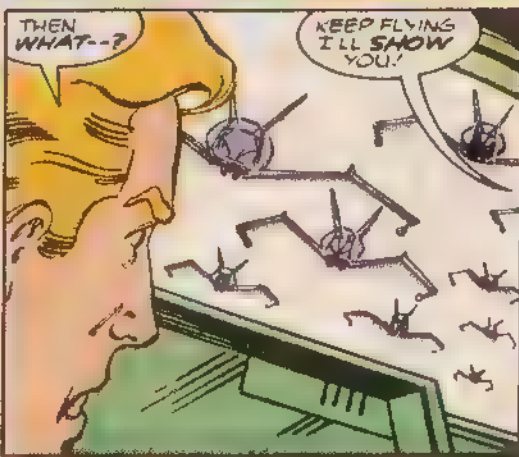
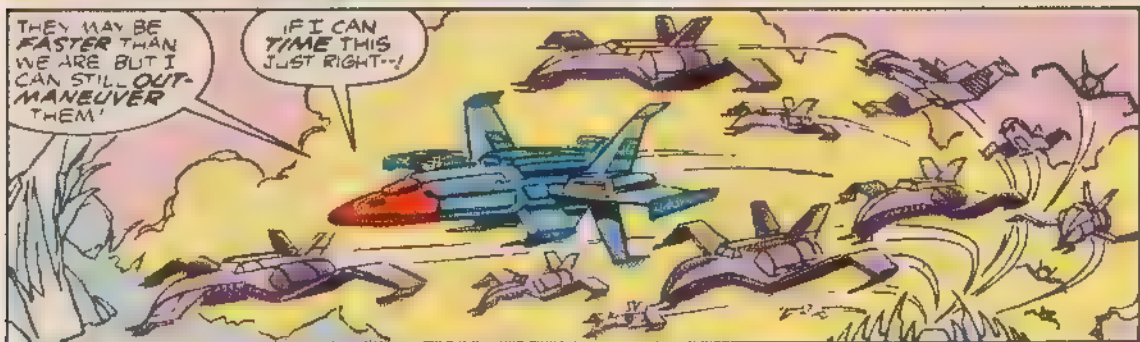
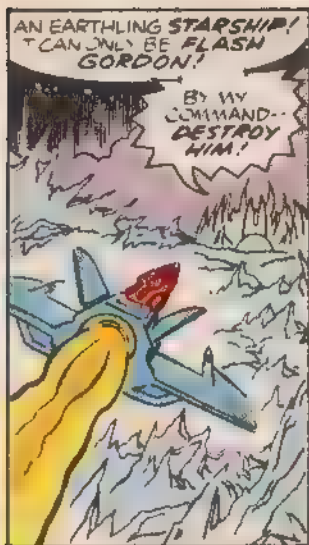
I'M NOT A DODO, I'M A DOG! NAME'S DOOFUR!

MR. SMURF, I HAVE A MR. GARGAMEL ON THE LINE.

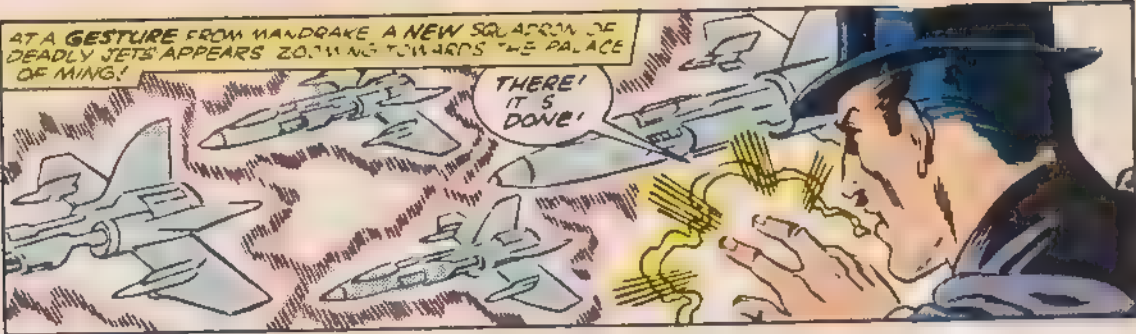


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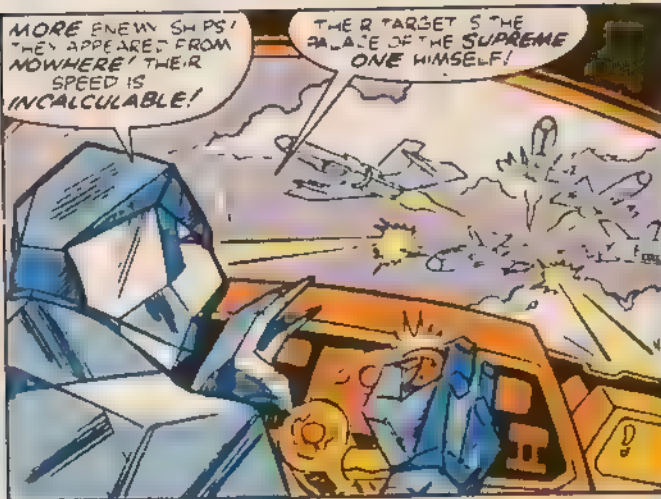
AT A GESTURE FROM MANDRAKE, A NEW SQUADRON OF DEADLY JETS APPEARS ZOOMING TOWARDS THE PALACE OF MING!



THERE!
IT'S
DONE!

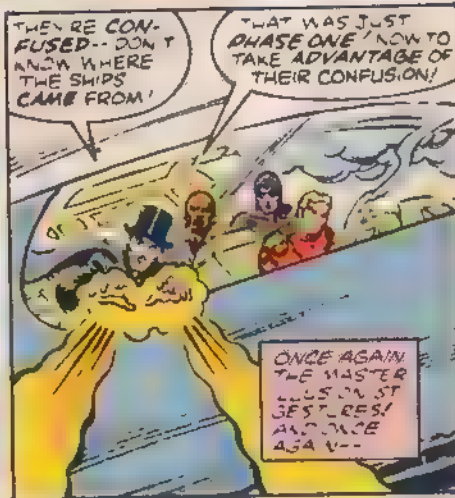
MORE FLEET SHIPS!
THEY APPEARED FROM
NOWHERE! THEIR
SPEED IS
INCALCULABLE!

THEIR TARGET IS THE
PALACE OF THE SUPREME
ONE HIMSELF!



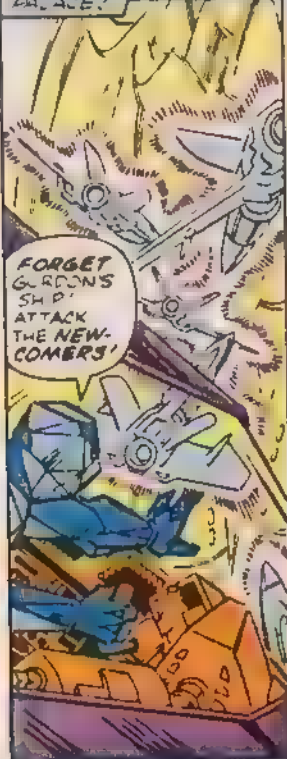
THEY'RE CON-
FUSED... DON'T
KNOW WHERE
THE SHIPS
CAME FROM!

THAT WAS JUST
PHASE ONE! NOW TO
TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
THEIR CONFUSION!



ONCE AGAIN
THE MASTER
LIES IN A ST
GESTURE!
AND...
AGAIN--

--THE SHIPS INCREASE
IN NUMBER, APPEARING
DIRECTLY ABOVE MING'S
PALACE!

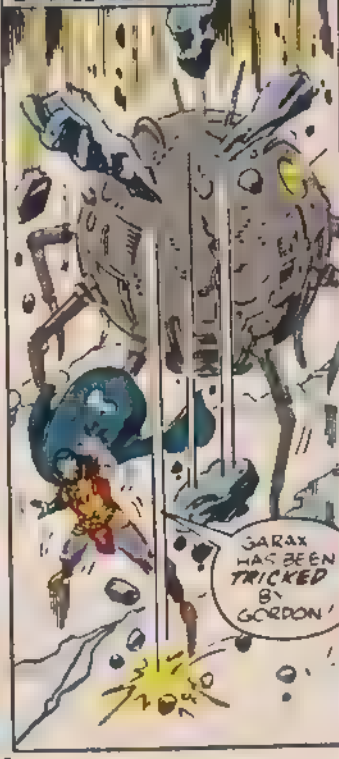


FORGET
GORDON'S
SHIP!
ATTACK
THE NEW
COMERS!

INSTANTLY MING'S
SHIPS TURN THEIR
DEADLY LASER RAYS
UPON THE ADVANCING
FLEET



BUT THE RAYS MERELY PASS
THROUGH THE IMAGINARY
SHIPS STRIKING THE IMPERIAL
CASTLE BELOW.



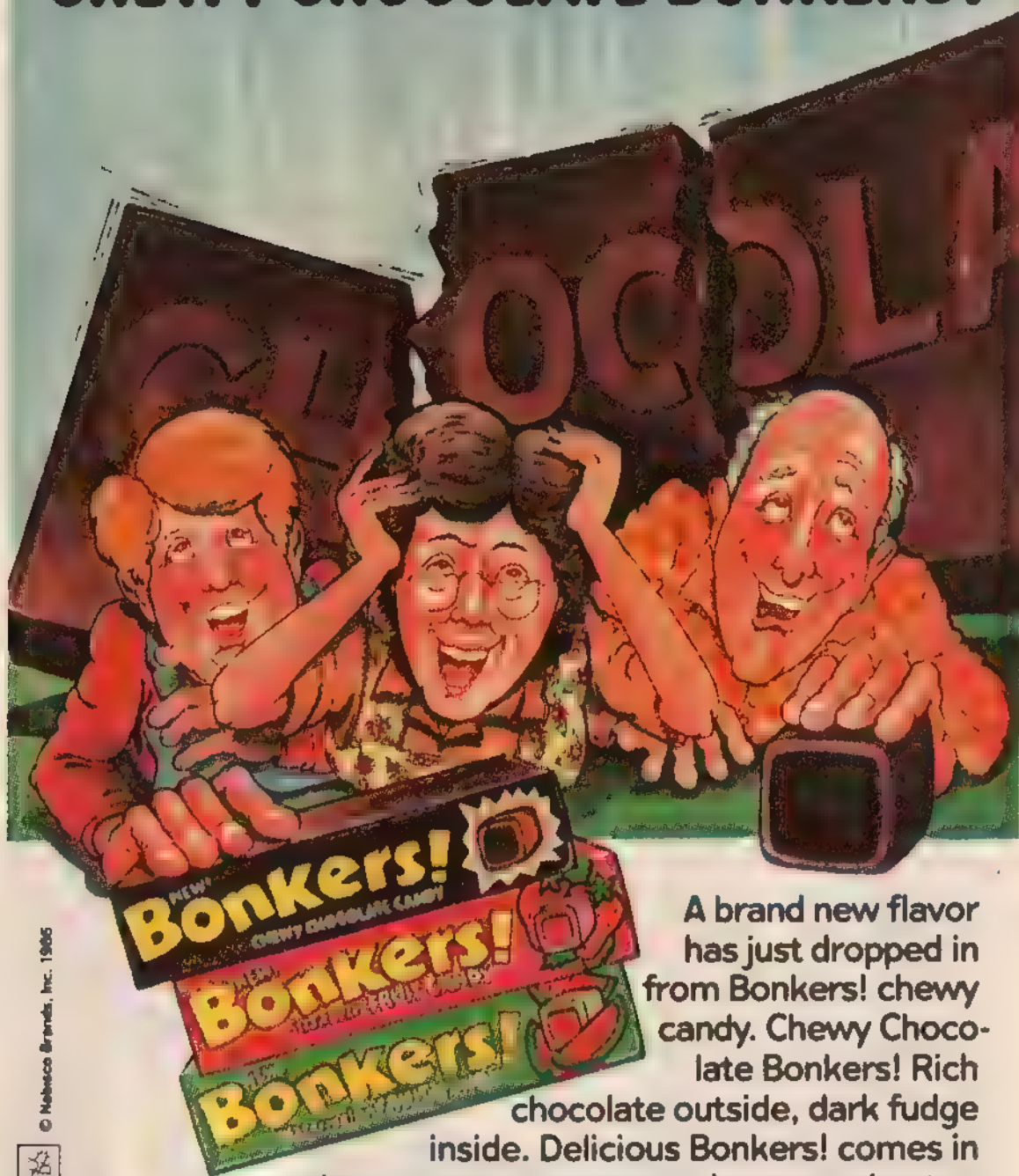
GARAX
HAS BEEN
TRICKED
BY
GORDON!

THE EARTHING
SHALL PAY DEARLY
FOR THAT!

NOW I SHALL
ATTACK HIS
PLANET EVEN
SOONER THAN
I PLANNED



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MEANWHILE, THE MONGO SHIPS CONTINUE TO REAP DEATH AND DESTRUCTION



GIVING THE EARTH MEN A CHANCE TO LAND & SEEN

SO THIS IS MONGO!

WHAT A COLD AND BARREN WORLD IT IS!

NO COLDER THAN MING'S HEART, SO THAR BE ON GUARD EVERY SECOND

NOW WE MUST FIND WHERE MING'S CAPTIVES ARE HIDDEN!

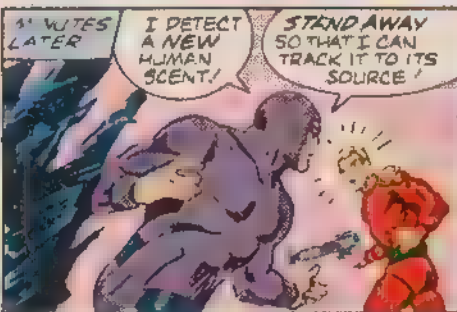
THAT'S THE PHANTOM'S TASK IF ANY TRACE EXISTS, THE GHOST WHO WALKS WILL FIND IT



MINUTES LATER

I DETECT A NEW HUMAN SCENT!

STAND AWAY SO THAT I CAN TRACK IT TO ITS SOURCE!



THERE I SEE HIM

IT'S MY SON RICK! HE'S IN TROUBLE!



BUT... HE'S TOO FAR AWAY!

NOT FOR THE PHANTOM!

BY JUNGLE LORE THE GHOST WHO WALKS CALLS FORTH THE POWER--

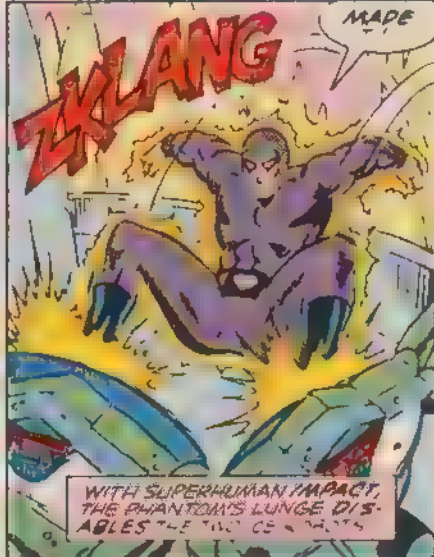


--OF TEN TIGERS!



I MUST REACH THE PARADE--

THERE WILL BE NO SECOND CHANCE

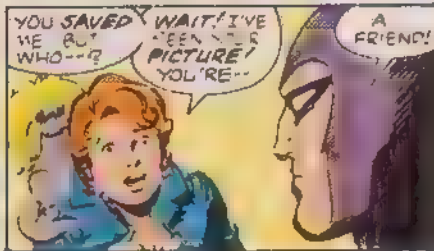


WITH SUPERHUMAN IMPACT, THE PHANTOM'S LUNGE DISABLES THE TWO GUARDS

YOU SAVED ME BUT WHO--?

WAIT, I'VE SEEN YOUR PICTURE! YOU'RE--

A FRIEND!



Newton's Fruit Chewy Mix-Up!

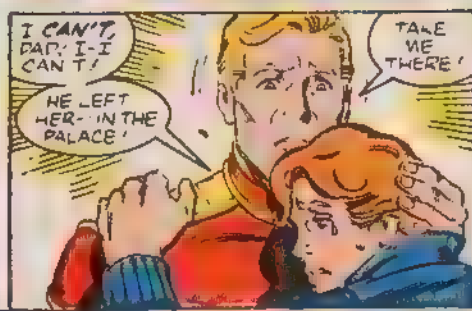
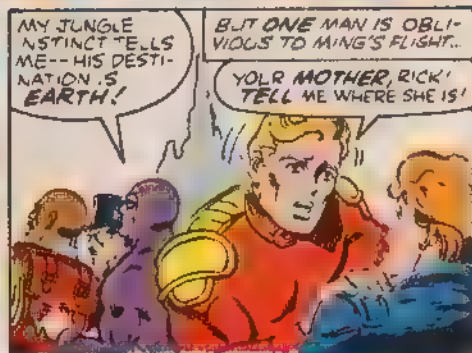
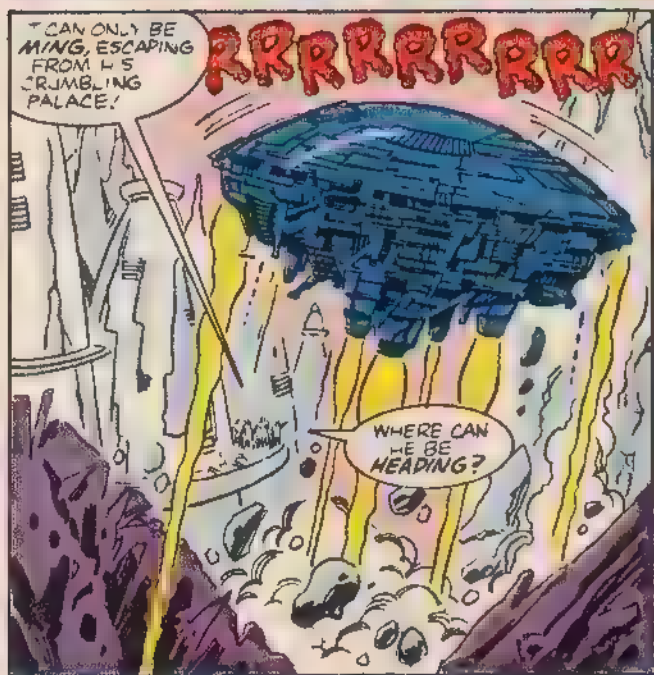
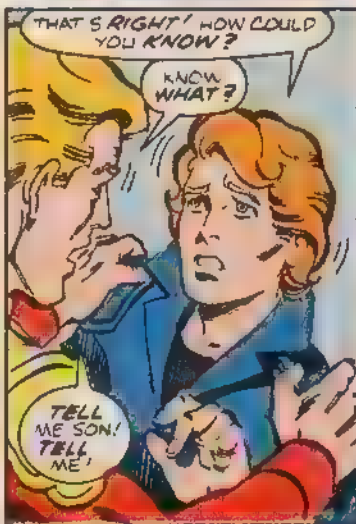
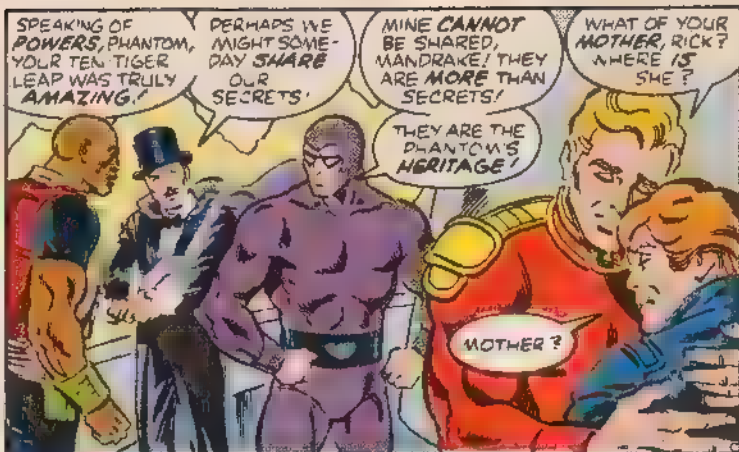
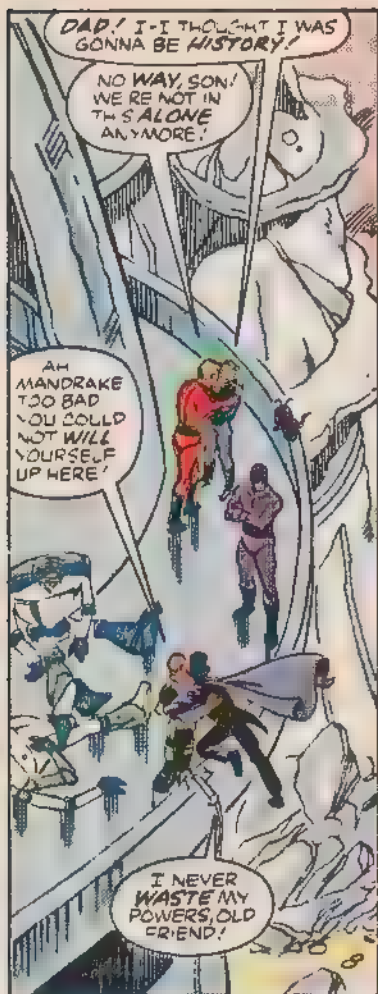
Unscramble the letters on the left and fill in the Fruit Chewy Newtons flavors on the right!

HINT: there are two new flavors!



ANSWERS: FIG, APPLE, CHERRY, BLUEBERRY





MINUTES LATER, A STUNNED
41-3251 VS 2-45-
GORDON FINDS THE LIFE-
LESS FORM OF HIS
RESCUED WIFE

I TRIED TO
SAVE HER DAD!
I--I TRIED
MY BEST!

I KNOW IT,
SON. I KNOW
YOU'D D

I TH ALL
OUR POWERS--
W TH ALL OUR
SKILLS--

EVEN SUCH
AS WE MUST
SOMETIMES
FAIL!

WHAT MANNER
OF FEND IS
MING--TO SLAY
A WIFE AND
MOTHER?



★ STAR SIGNALS ★

I'M A TRAVELIN' MAN!

***** Every year, groups of dedicated comic book fans gather together at special conventions across the country to celebrate the joy of reading and collecting comic books. Since this year is the 25th Anniversary of Marvel Comics Stan the Man Lee has the guy who started it all, Jim "Trouble" Shooter (the editor in chief of Marvel Comics), "Amiable" Archie Goodwin (he runs Epic Comics), Sid "The Kid" Jacobson (you haven't been reading this column regularly if you don't know who he is by now) and I decided to celebrate this momentous occasion at a few of the very biggest comic conventions.

In the past few weeks I've been to Chicago (loved the pizza!), Atlanta (loved the people!) and San Diego (loved the beach!). Marvel Comics held a special anniversary birthday party at each of these conventions. There was plenty of food, music and dancing till dawn! Of course the highlight of each party was when our official party hostess "Lovable" Lynn Cohen (who usually

runs the editorial administration center whenever she's not busy convention-hopping), wheeled in the giant birthday cake. Talk about a sight to remember! Large enough to feed thousands, it would always have twenty-five blazing candles and a big icing image of a certain familiar web-slinger! (Nope, it wasn't Peter Parker. His turn will come in twenty-three and a half years when Star celebrates its anniversary.)

A fine time was had by all! I wish you could have been there!

C'MON DOWN!

***** Have you ever been to a comic book convention? They're actually a lot of fun. There's one being held on almost every weekend of the year in some part of the country. You can usually find out about local conventions by asking at your favorite neighborhood comic book shop. Conventions also advertise in Marvel and Star Comics and on television.

I always recommend that you travel with a group of your friends. You'll have a lot more fun! I you have

someone to share it with.

Conventions are a great place to find old comics that you're missing from your collections. Old comics can sometimes be pretty expensive, but you can find bargains if you hunt hard enough.

You'll also get a chance to see tons of original artwork, to learn what's coming up in your favorite comic books, and to meet your favorite comic book professionals face to face.

That's the best part as far as I'm concerned. You and I finally get a chance to meet each other, to shake hands, and to ask each other questions. It's great! You can make some very special friends at a comic book convention.

If you ever do go to a convention that I'm attending please stop by and say hello. I'd really like to meet you.

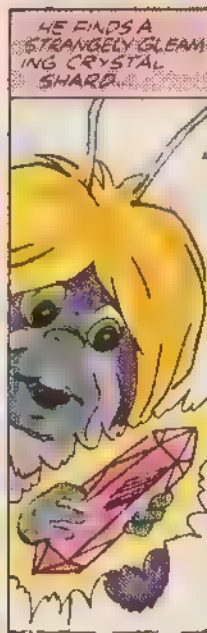
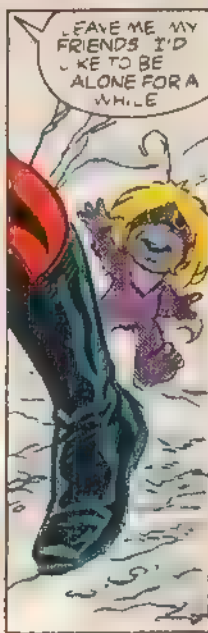
Thanks for being there.

Tom D.

Tom DeFalco, S.T.A.R.
Executive Editor

NEW FROM STAR





SOME TIME LATER A
GIGANTIC ALIEN SPACE-
SHIP APPEARS OVER
THE ARCTIC

HOVERING HIGH ABOVE THE GLACIERS,
HIDDEN FAR FROM HUMAN EYES.

IT USES A
STRANGELY
POWERFUL
ENERGY RAY
TO RE SHAPE
AND RE FORM
A SECTION
OF ICE

MOULDING IT INTO
A SECRET
FORTRESS!

FINALLY FOUR EVIL FIGURES
EMERGE FROM THE NOW DESCEN-
DED SHIP

HENCEFORTH
THIS WILL BE
OUR BASE ON
THE ACCURSED
PLANET
EARTH!

YOU ARE WRONG, KRO TAN!
EARTH IS A REPOSITORY OF
TREASURES FOR US TO
PLUNDER!

I HAVE CHOSEN
THIS BLEAK AREA
BECAUSE NONE WILL
FIND US HERE!

WHAT DO
WE DO
NEXT,
FATHER?

FIRST WE
ESTABLISH
OUR BASE!

THEN WE
PREPARE FOR
CONQUEST!

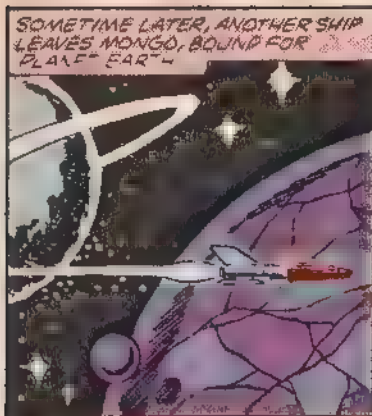
IT'S A
DREARY
WORLD NOT
WORTHY OF
CONQUEST!

LONG HAVE I PLANNED
FOR THIS MOMENT!

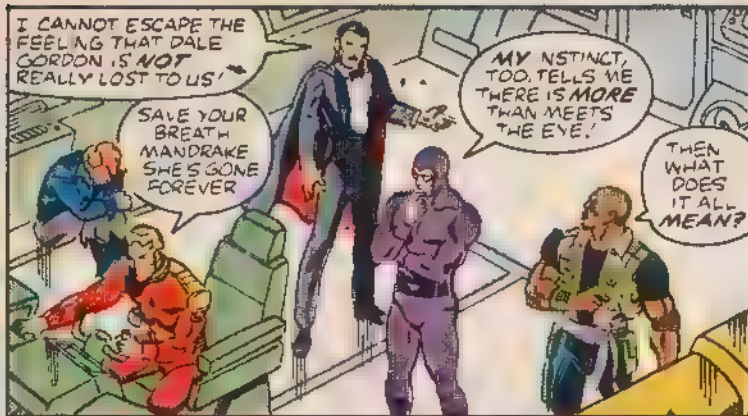
SOON I SHALL CREATE AN INVINCIBLE
ARMY! THEY WILL BE MY MEN OF
FROST!

MEN OF
FROST?

YOUR EDUCATION
IN THE WAYS OF
VILLAINY AND
TERROR IS
ABOUT TO BEGIN.
KRO-TAN



SOMETIME LATER, ANOTHER SHIP LEAVES MONGO, BOUND FOR "FLAT EARTH"



I CANNOT ESCAPE THE FEELING THAT DALE GORDON IS NOT REALLY LOST TO US!

SAVE YOUR BREATH MANDRAKE SHE'S GONE FOREVER

MY INSTINCT, TOO, TELLS ME THERE IS MORE THAN MEETS THE EYE!

THEN WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN?



BUT, BEFORE ANOTHER WORD CAN BE UTTERED,

LOOK! WE HAVE A STOWAWAY!



WHY IS SHE HOPPING AROUND LIKE THAT?

ZUFFY, KNOCK OFF! SETTLE DOWN, HEAR?

I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SO EXCITED!



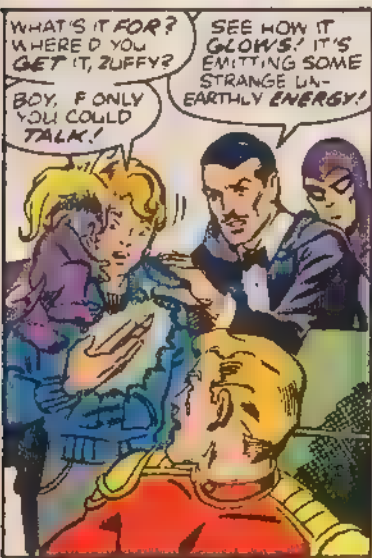
HE'S HOLDING SOMETHING!

WHAT IS IT, FELLA? WHAT HAVE YOU GOT THERE?

WATCH IT! GET HIS TAIL OUT OF MY EYES!



LOOK! IT'S SOME SORT OF CRYSTAL SHARD!



WHAT'S IT FOR? WHERE'D YOU GET IT, ZUFFY?

BOY, IF ONLY YOU COULD TALK!

SEE HOW IT GLOWS! IT'S EMITTING SOME STRANGE UN-EARTHLY ENERGY!

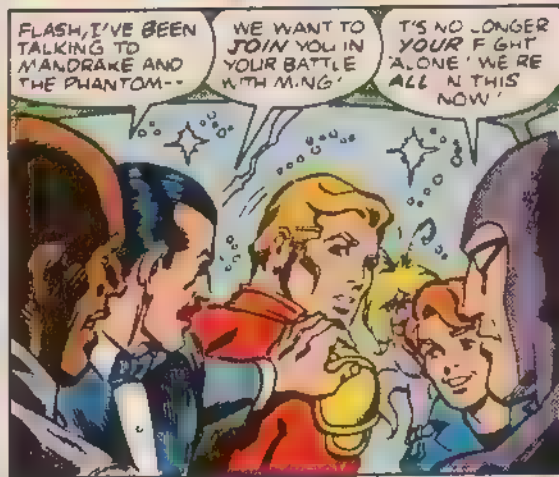
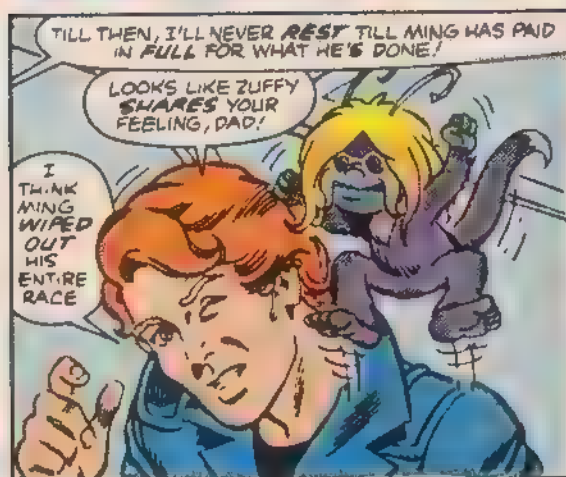
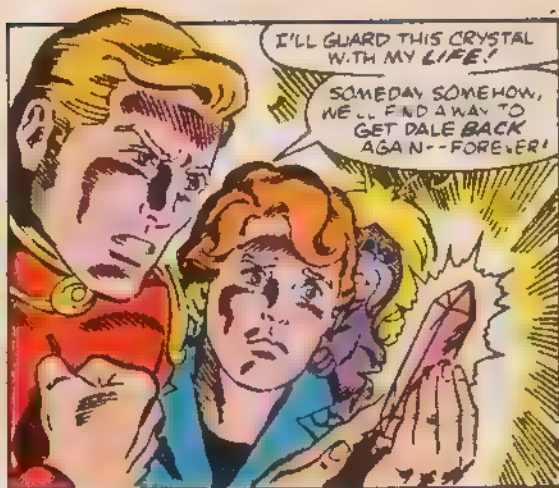
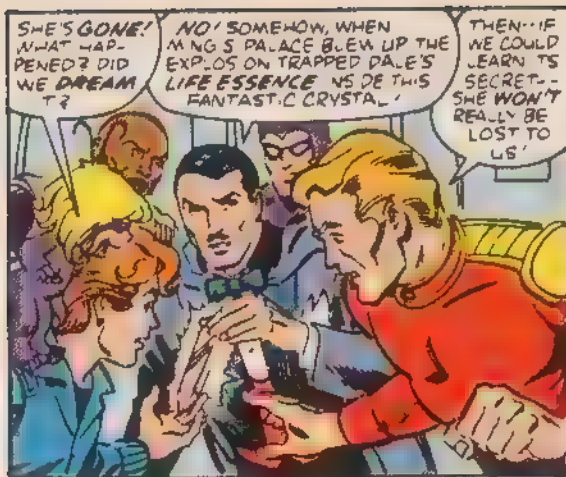


IT'S A PSYCHIC COMMUNICATOR! SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE IS TRYING TO CONTACT US!



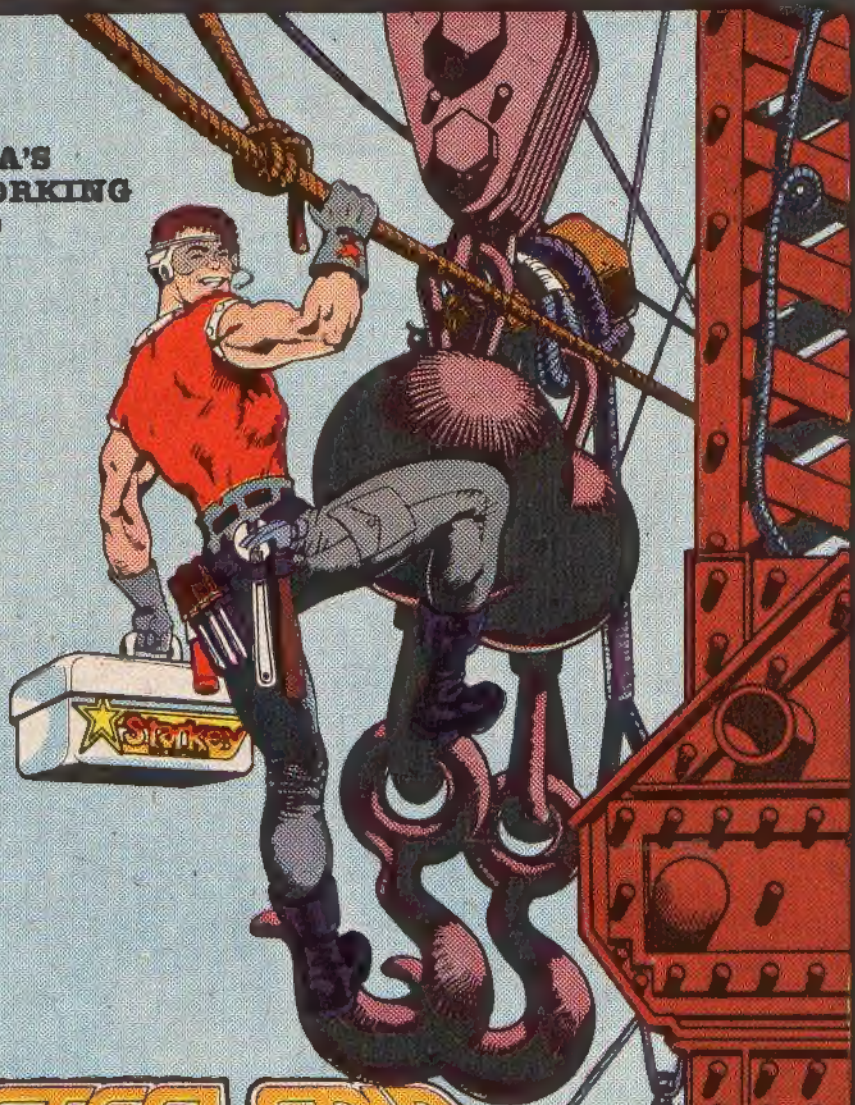
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MOM!



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